

VOSHA Training

- General public health information related to the Novel Coronavirus and COVID-19
- Requirements of VOSHA (Vermont OSHA) for institutions doing business during the COVID-19 pandemic
- UVM processes and resources to protect our campus community and comply with these requirements.

Please review the UVM required COVID-19 training offered through the Blackboard platform.

Self-enroll using this [guidance from ETS](#). Once you are in Blackboard, in the Organization Search box, be sure to search for "VOSHA." Complete the training and take the quiz. Blackboard will maintain a copy of your certificate.

Keeping a copy of your completion certificate for your own records is highly recommended.

***Please attest to completing this training in the Clerkship Re-Entry checklist in Oasis**

COVID: PPE Donning and Doffing Videos

Please watch both of the below donning and doffing instructional videos:

- [PAPR](#)
- [PPE](#)

***Please attest to watching both videos in the Clerkship Re-Entry checklist in Oasis**

Hospital Info

- Students should be expected to be screened on entering the hospital/clinic- temperature/symptom check
- Students should wear masks at all times. Procedure masks are provided at screening station upon entry into the ACC/Hospital.
- OR Masks are available for students in the OR
- New hospital scrubs should be changed into and worn in the OR or Labor and Delivery area. Please do not leave the hospital in these same scrubs. You should change back into your street clothes prior to leaving. No scrubs should leave the hospital premises. Do not take scrubs home. Do not remove more than 1 pair of scrubs at a time.
- Students should arrive in their own, personally purposed, non-hospital scrubs or clinical attire for outpatient clinic experiences.
- N95's: Students will be fitted for N95s prior to entering clinical environment. Students will be given ONE N95 mask. It is very unlikely students will need them as this is only indicated for COVID + patients undergoing aerosolizing procedures and a few other aerosolizing procedures for COVID negative patients (Bronchoscopy, laryngoscopy, Intubation (anesthesia) etc.) Subject to change pending the discretion of each hospital.

Policy on Student Re-Entry

- Host sites/institutions must have a protocol in place to identify and isolate Covid-19 or suspected Covid-19 patients. Prior to clinical re-entry, students should inquire with the clerkship director and host institution for specific instructions regarding institution protocols and how to acquire PPE.
- Students may unknowingly be involved with a COVID-19 patient and should always follow the [CDC](#) and hospital guidelines.

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- PPE is a valuable resource at all institutions and will be provided as necessary for each learner to participate in patient care and procedures; therefore, students should follow hospital protocols and avoid unnecessary use of PPE.
- In the spirit of learning and in the interest of educating medical students, students should learn to care for patients with contagious infectious diseases such as Covid-19 in a safe environment. However, given the uncertainty of this novel virus and the evolving management, education should be accomplished through distant participation such as rounds and team discussions. Medical students are **NOT** allowed to participate in the DIRECT care of patients with known or suspected Covid-19.
- Attending physicians, community preceptors, and residents supervising medical students should continue to follow State Department of Health and [CDC](#) recommendations regarding the appropriate use of face masks, PPE, cleaning & disinfecting, and other general updates regarding infection control measures.
- Individual clerkships, acting internships, and other clinical electives may have specific requirements for student re-entry based on their unique situation. It will be up to the director of those experiences to draft those policies and inform students of those requirements.
- Medical students who feel ill should **NOT** enter a clinical setting. They should notify their direct report (Eg. attending physician, community preceptor, supervising resident) and (if comfortable) the clerkship director. They should contact the student health (or their private physician), and follow healthcare guidelines for Covid-19 testing. Isolation/quarantine protocols should be implemented while awaiting test results. If the student tests positive, then the Office of Student Affairs and the clerkship director **MUST** be notified so that appropriate accommodations and make-up measures can be sought.

Please review the FAQs under Health Resources found [here](#) on the UVM Website.

***Please attest to reviewing the Health Resources FAQs in the Clerkship Re-Entry checklist in Oasis.**

PPE Policy

All students should adhere to proper mask wearing and social distancing at all times while in the clinical setting. With regard to additional PPE, the resident team/attending should guide their students in proper PPE use for patient care/procedures and direct the student on how to obtain the PPE required.

All students will need to complete the N95 fit testing. Although there is a low likelihood of being in contact with persons requiring a N95 during this time of COVID-19 and potential shortage of supplies, all students still need to complete the requirements for proper N95 testing with LCOM OMSE.

The use of respiratory protection such as a N-95 respirator requires annual fit testing, training, and medical evaluation. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and scarcity of personal protective equipment, such as N-95 respirators, the annual fit testing requirement has been changed to 2 years. If there has been a change in face shape such as major weight loss or gain, dental surgery, or cosmetic surgery which impacts the fit of the N-95 respirator please email Jacqueline Drouin to schedule an updated fit test.

What to wear/how to interact in the clinical environment:

Choice of attire worn while in clinic or in the inpatient setting should take into consideration the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19. Although you will not be in direct contact with persons with known COVID-19 infection, you may want to consider clothing items and effectiveness of daily laundering. At this time we recommend:

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- Wear procedural masks at all times when in the clinical environment unless you are in your own private space
- Wear cloth masks when outside of the clinical environment to preserve PPE
- Adhere to physical distancing requirements
- NO WHITE COATS unless requested by your preceptor or location. Keep in mind frequent cleanliness and laundering to prevent spread of infection.
- Bare forearms (no long sleeves) to allow for good hand hygiene. Avoid watches and jewelry.
- Wear ID Badge at all times. Clean it often.
- Limit personal items in the clinical setting.
- PREVENTING SPREAD AND EXPOSURE TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD. When returning home after patient interactions, consider your potential exposure to COVID-19 and need to launder clothes or personally shower/bathe. Keep in mind you may have been exposed to an asymptomatic person.

Clinical Simulation Lab COVID-19 SAFETY SCREENING

All students, faculty, staff and SPs are screened upon arrival to the Clinical Simulation Laboratory (CSL)

- No-contact thermometer temperature check- must be under 100.4F
- We will log all names in case tracing is required
- Questions
 - Travel- if you have been out of the state to area that has more than 400 active COVID-19 cases per million residents, you must self-isolate for you self-isolated for 14 days or self-isolate for 7 days and test negative for COVID-19 see <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel?fbclid=IwAR14NCFpMPWWamjxcVwDQ1UL6nMAALeaf7HPukLqXJTgdA9IH4NBgvhaV9g> for more information
 - COVID-19 exposure:
 - Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19? If yes,
 - Have you quarantined for 2 weeks and
 - been 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
 - have not had a fever without use of fever reducing medications 72 hours and
 - In the last 2 weeks have you been tested for COVID 19 or have you been in direct close contact (closer than 6 feet) more than several minutes diagnosed with or highly suspected to have COVID -19? ☐ In last 7 days have you felt unwell or had or taken any medication for any of these symptoms • Fever 100.4F or over
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Vomiting and diarrhea

If your temperature and/or answers indicate you may be contagious, you will be told: *“For the safety of others, we ask that you do not enter the CSL at this time. Please seek further information from your PCP, the VT Department of Health web site. <https://www.healthvermont.gov/> or the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/>. Please alert the appropriate LCOM administrator*

While working in the CSL

- Everyone is required to wear a procedure mask at all times. Please arrive wearing a face mask – procedure masks are required. (If you do not have a procedure mask, please wear a cloth mask; we can provide a procedure mask upon arrival.)
- No food or drinks are permitted
- No congregating in the hallways
- Faculty are asked to remain in room with learners and not linger in hallway or go looking for help if they need something. A number will be provided to text for this purpose and will be checked in periodically.
- We will only be using half the rooms and limiting the number of people per room
 - No more than 5 persons in the Multi-purpose room at a time including instructor and SP's.
 - No more than 6 in Given Classroom, Large debrief and Task Trainer rooms including instructor and SP's.
 - No more than 4 in each of the hospital rooms or Given outpatient rooms including instructor and SP's
- Please keep belongings to a minimum; arrive carrying no more possessions than you need.
- Bring your own stethoscope and your own pen. All other equipment will be provided. We'll have alcohol prep pads available for cleaning equipment.
- Physical exams of the head and neck are prohibited.
- The staff will disinfect the patient rooms between each encounter – including medical equipment, doorknobs, tables, sink counters, stools, and any other surfaces that have been used. An extra 5 minutes has been added to each encounter time for this purpose

All UVM buildings are locked. Please allow extra time to screen and get into buildings. Please call Sarah Page at (802) 233-3236 or Jim Court at (802) 922-0979 if you get locked out. We will contact whoever is onsite to let you in.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Cate Nicholas at cate.nicholas@med.uvm.edu or (802) 734-9393

Handwashing

Please watch this handwashing [video](#) from the CDC.

***Please attest to having watched the handwashing video in the Clerkship Re-Entry checklist in Oasis.**

Devices

LCOM students have been given a tablet and a laptop from the College of Medicine. Due to Covid-19, need for physical distancing, limits to the number of people in particular spaces, students will need to bring at least ONE device (personal smart phone, tablet, or laptop) that has access to EPIC or the EMR to perform clinical work on this device. Students should work with IT to have access to EPIC prior to arriving to their first clerkship.

Space in the Clinical Environment

Due to Covid-19, need for physical distancing, limits to the number of people in particular spaces, and an pre-existing space issue, learners, including third and fourth year medical students are finding it challenging to identify space to do clinical work. It can also be challenging to find space to eat lunch, etc. Students will need to be mobile, by having a smart phone, tablet, or laptop that they can take anywhere to work remotely. Students

will need to be creative in finding space that is safe for them from a physical distancing standpoint to do work or eat lunch or hang out while waiting for an ER consult, etc. LCOM is working with the hospitals to identify, provide, furnish, and protect spaces for learners.

Quarantine Resources

Isolation/Quarantine regulations are likely to change frequently and they will vary from state to state and even county to county. Students who are travelling between clerkship sites, or travelling for vacation, or travelling for any reason, will need to abide by the state rules of the state they are travelling to and the state they are travelling from. Students will also need to be able to meet the clerkship requirements. It is the students' professional responsibility to be a good steward of public health and work with OMSE and the individual clerkship directors to meet the clerkship requirements. If you do not know the requirements, ask. If students fail to do this, they could place others in danger, or they may be required to drop a clerkship and have to make this up during the AI year.

Please review the [most current quarantine guidelines](#) provided by the [VT Department of Health](#).

***Please attest to having reviewed the quarantine guidelines in the Clerkship Re-Entry checklist in Oasis.**